

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, July 20, 2008 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 5**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (114 new fires)
New large fires:	3
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires:	37
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	11
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8
Fire Use Teams committed:	1

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

A NIMO Team (Cable) is assigned as a planning and operational group in support of the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group at Boise, ID.

Six MAFFS C-130 air tankers are supporting the State of California. All aircraft are based at McClellan Airport in Sacramento, California. The Mission Commander is LTC Mike Barkdull, 153rd Airlift Wing, Cheyenne, Wyoming. One aircraft is provided by the 145th Airlift Wing, Charlotte, North Carolina, three from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs, Colorado and two from the 153rd Airlift Wing, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Australia, New Zealand and Canada are providing 59 fire specialists and managers to assist with fire suppression operations in California. Canada is also providing two crews to California.

Northern California Area (PL 5)

New fires:	21
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	26
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

Area Command Team (Loach) is managing fire complexes on the Shasta-Trinity, Mendocino and Six Rivers National Forests. NIMO Team (Whitney) is supporting the ONCC Multi-Agency Coordinating Group. Area Command Team (Anderson) is managing fire complexes on the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests.

Lime Complex (11 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Wilcock). IMT 1 (Hughes) ordered. Fourteen miles west of Hayfork, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with creeping, short runs and occasional torching. Residences, ranches and youth camps threatened.

Iron and Alps Complexes (7 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). One mile north of Junction City, CA. Heavy timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with slope driven runs, group tree torching and short-range spotting. Several communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Canyon Complex (6 fires), Plumas NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Sixteen miles northeast of Paradise, CA. Timber. Backing fire with slope-driven runs, torching and spotting. Communities and archeological sites threatened.

SHU Lightning Complex (2 fires), Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Kerschen). Shasta and Trinity counties, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

Soda Complex, Mendocino NF. Unified command between IMT 2 (Fiorella) and Cal Fire (Bradley). Fifteen miles northwest of Upper Lake, CA. Timber. Active surface and backing fire with group tree torching and short range spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations in progress.

Hell's Half, Six Rivers NF. IMT 1 (Quesinberry). Eight miles southwest of Burnt Ranch, CA. Timber. Active surface fire with single and group tree torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

American River Complex, Tahoe NF. IMT 1 (Muir). Eleven miles northeast of Foresthill, CA. Timber, brush and chaparral. Moderate fire activity with creeping, smoldering, short upslope runs and single and group tree torching.

Ukonom Complex, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Paul). Ten miles east of Orleans, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with backing, short upslope runs and torching. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

Siskiyou Complex (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Swartzlander). IMT 1 (Dietrich) ordered. Eighteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Conifer and hardwood overstory with heavy timber litter. Moderate fire behavior. Residences and cultural sites threatened. Forest road, campground and trail closures in effect.

BTU Lightning Complex, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Morris). Twenty-seven miles north of Yuba City, CA. Timber, brush and logging slash. Minimal fire activity.

Cub Complex, Lassen NF. IMT 2 (Kaage). Sixteen miles southwest of Chester, CA. Timber. Surface fire with backing and smoldering and isolated single and group tree torching. Restricted traffic flow on state highway 32.

Blue 2, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Svalberg). Twelve miles east of Klamath, CA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Cultural sites threatened.

Bear Wallow Complex (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Backing fire with single and group tree torching.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Lime Complex	CA	SHF	89,823	2,859	67	8/15	1,486	192	32	69	9	2	30.2M	FS
Iron and Alps Complexes	CA	SHF	55,545	3,384	49	8/15	1,503	208	37	91	5	1	23.7M	FS
Canyon Complex	CA	PNF	35,105	966	71	7/31	1,398	37	32	86	7	3	29.0M	FS
SHU Lightning Complex	CA	SHU	84,988	0	75	7/21	2,039	-579	52	167	0	22	48.1M	ST
Soda Complex	CA	MNF	8,581	221	79	7/26	798	54	21	19	11	4	11.6M	FS
Hell's Half	CA	SRF	11,414	497	60	7/30	568	3	9	41	3	1	10.1M	FS
American River Complex	CA	TNF	20,541	549	75	8/1	705	-57	14	27	8	2	19.6M	FS
Ukonom Complex	CA	SRF	25,155	562	22	9/15	727	19	18	28	3	0	10.6M	FS
Siskiyou Complex	CA	KNF	48,000	2,900	20	8/8	899	3	26	47	4	0	14.7M	FS

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BTU Lightning Complex	CA	BTU	55,240	0	90	7/24	1,782	-14	42	107	14	82	68.5M	ST
Cub Complex	CA	LNF	19,718	0	95	7/20	540	-169	12	21	2	0	20.0M	FS
Blue 2	CA	SRF	4,465	0	22	8/12	354	4	8	14	3	0	2.8M	FS
Bear Wallow Complex	CA	KNF	2,565	245	0	N/A	117	13	3	1	3	0	575K	FS

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires: 3
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Cold Springs, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Forty miles northwest of Goldendale, WA. Timber. Occasional torching with short-range spotting. Cultural sites threatened.

Spokane Valley, Northeast Region, Washington DNR. Four miles west of Spokane Valley, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Cold Springs	WA	GPF	7,956	0	60	9/30	1,128	42	33	41	5	0	5.2M	FS
Spokane Valley	WA	NES	1,006	0	95	7/20	140	-30	5	12	0	21	2.9M	ST

Southern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 24
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2
Type 1 IMTs committed: 2

Basin Complex, Los Padres NF. Unified Command between IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley) and Cal Fire IMT 1 (Hutchinson). Five miles southeast of Big Sur, CA. Timber, brush and slash. Active fire behavior with short runs and isolated torching. Residences threatened. Voluntary evacuations in effect.

Gap, Los Padres NF. Six miles northwest of Santa Barbara, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Basin Complex	CA	LPF	133,709	3,869	70	7/30	1,951	-158	51	83	12	61	59.0M	FS
Gap	CA	LPF	9,443	0	97	7/22	54	-54	2	0	1	4	20.9M	FS

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 21
New large fires: 2
Uncontained large fires: 5
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Evans Road, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. Florida IMT 2 (Utley). Seven miles south of Creswell, NC. Pocosin, chaparral and southern rough. Minimal surface fire with ground fire in deep organic soils. Residences threatened.

South 1, Great Dismal Swamp NWR. Twelve miles southeast of Suffolk, VA. Logging slash and blow down. No new information.

Range, Kisatchie NF. Eleven miles southwest of Alexandria, LA. Brush and grass. No new information.

Well 35, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty-six miles west of Mineral Wells, TX. Chaparral. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting. Residences threatened.

Miller, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land two miles northeast of Memphis, TX. Grass and shrubs. Creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Evans Road	NC	NCS	41,553	0	75	8/31	271	-26	0	43	1	4	14.7M	ST
South 1	VA	GDR	4,664	---	95	7/31	105	---	2	7	1	0	8.4M	FWS
Range	LA	KIF	482	---	90	UNK	6	---	0	1	0	0	5.6K	FS
* Well 35	TX	TXS	1,200	---	0	UNK	23	---	0	4	2	0	NR	PRI
* Miller	TX	TXS	400	---	95	7/20	18	---	0	3	0	0	NR	PRI

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 11
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 0
Fire Use Teams committed: 1

Mill Hollow - WFU, Ashley NF. FUMT (Ourada/Soper). Eighteen miles north of Helper, UT. Timber. Backing, creeping and smoldering with individual tree torching.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Mill Hollow - WFU	UT	ASF	668	0	N/A	N/A	116	4	4	2	2	0	278K	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 2
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Callaghan, Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM. Fourteen miles northeast of Austin, NV. Juniper and brush. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs and spotting. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Callaghan	NV	BMD	630	---	0	UNK	92	---	3	7	1	0	NR	BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 13
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Grand Complex (2 fires), Grand Mesa NF. Twenty miles southeast of Grand Junction, CO. Brush and grass. Backing and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Grand Complex	CO	GMF	1,632	0	NR	UNK	23	-26	0	0	1	0	790K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot and dry today over much of the West. Widely scattered mixed wet and dry thunderstorms are expected over portions of the Great Basin, Wyoming and Montana. Wet thunderstorms are forecast for the southern Sierra and the southern California mountains and deserts.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Radio Narrowbanding

The ability to have positive, reliable communication is one of the most important safety considerations we have in Wildland fire. As we are forced to adapt to technological changes, maintaining good radio communications becomes more complex and requires a heightened level of skill and awareness from all firefighters. The following are some facts and suggestions that may make radio communications easier

- Federal Agencies are under a congressional mandate to narrowband their frequencies by January 1, 2005. State and municipal agencies will not have to follow suit until the year 2013. For firefighters trying to determine if a frequency will be narrowbanded or not, this means that it is probably a good bet that Federal frequencies (those frequencies between 162.0000 and 174.0000 Mhz) are.
- Operating your radio in the wideband mode while working in a narrowband environment may cause radio communication problems for everyone working on that channel. The symptoms may range from distorted transmissions to no transmission at all.
- Before we were mandated to work in narrowband, frequencies were listed with just three digits past the decimal point. It is imperative that we now convey frequencies with four digits past the decimal point, for example 168.xxxx
- Some firefighters mistakenly believe that if they simply punch in four numbers past the decimal point, the channel will then be narrowbanded. This is not true! Each channel must be programmed specifically to operate in wideband or narrowband. Narrowband programming instructions for most handheld radios can be found at www.radios.nifc.gov
- Check your frequency guides, plans and maps to see which mode the frequencies are supposed to be operating on. If these don't have the information you need, find it and make pen and ink notes for yourself.
- If available, have a radio technician check your radio to ensure you are operating in the proper mode on the assigned frequencies.
- Discuss the narrow/wide band concept with all firefighters, managers and pilots.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		499				3	502
Northern California	FIRES	7			1	12	1	21
	ACRES	14			920	2,915	4,782	8,631
Southern California	FIRES	1				15	8	24
	ACRES	7				9	7,202	7,218
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	5			3	4	14
	ACRES	0	60			0	3	63
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			4	2	11
	ACRES		10			16	30	56
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		2			300		302
Southwest	FIRES					2	3	5
	ACRES					0	2	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	3			1	7	13
	ACRES	6	5			10	21	42
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					17	4	21
	ACRES					1,295	22	1,317
TOTAL	FIRES	12	16	0	1	55	30	114
	ACRES	27	576	0	920	4,545	12,065	18,133

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		12	16	1	265	2	296
	ACRES		720	1,272	0	55,114	0	57,106
Northwest	FIRES	186	77	4	11	359	340	977
	ACRES	10,421	53,137	1,397	2	6,705	3,965	75,627
Northern California	FIRES	101	14	5	22	1,930	644	2,716
	ACRES	96	17	161	6,427	272,948	314,696	594,345
Southern California	FIRES	39	76	11	15	2,391	285	2,817
	ACRES	309	2,598	863	11	13,848	268,897	286,526
Northern Rockies	FIRES	811	27	9	2	476	212	1,537
	ACRES	9,591	910	4,510	5	41,778	530	57,324
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	25	213	2	9	205	145	599
	ACRES	304	3,176	493	133	6,825	3,923	14,854
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	135	2	9	46	30	230
	ACRES	10	10,057	1	4	3,460	50	13,582
Southwest	FIRES	566	198	6	44	659	675	2,148
	ACRES	20,609	80,932	347	926	263,250	91,405	457,469
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	306	150	23	16	352	172	1,019
	ACRES	896	1,514	2,003	289	109,714	1,703	116,119
Eastern Area	FIRES	315		12	18	7,172	274	7,791
	ACRES	1,899		251	264	45,871	1,695	49,980
Southern Area	FIRES	750		175	50	30,545	483	32,003
	ACRES	52,576		18,716	53,707	1,460,174	36,145	1,621,318
TOTAL	FIRES	3,107	902	265	197	44,400	3,262	52,133
	ACRES	96,711	153,061	30,014	61,768	2,279,687	723,009	3,344,250

Ten Year Average Fires	48,920
Ten Year Average Acres	3,144,486

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Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					12		12
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						919	919
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	5	2	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	12	919	931

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Northwest	FIRES	8	35	13	3		98	157
	ACRES	2,435	3,355	2,359	6		19,376	27,531
Northern California	FIRES	25	14	11	12	6	122	190
	ACRES	415	113	22,765	78	1,159	5,706	30,236
Southern California	FIRES		3	4	8	5	129	149
	ACRES		118	822	1,335	51	12,435	14,761
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8	16	55	5	24	147	255
	ACRES	521	2,161	15,969	309	1,109	17,311	37,380
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	21	5	7	14	49	99
	ACRES	200	2,925	346	700	2,290	11,656	18,117
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	2	2		4	10
	ACRES		2,030	12	27		2,437	4,506
Southwest	FIRES	19	60	9	12		126	226
	ACRES	2,838	39,090	12,031	1,462		50,809	106,230
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	25	29	105	17	44	111	331
	ACRES	2,679	2,627	18,415	4,438	5,330	33,263	66,752
Eastern Area	FIRES	45		413	21	1,258	117	1,854
	ACRES	30,265		56,407	1,096	74,140	33,843	195,751
Southern Area	FIRES	25		63	82	371	826	1,367
	ACRES	14,613		42,913	60,846	231,477	860,301	1,210,150
TOTAL	FIRES	158	180	680	169	1,732	1,729	4,648
	ACRES	53,966	52,419	172,039	70,297	319,546	1,047,137	1,715,404

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		6	14	5	1		26
	ACRES		2,535	16,257	1,034	3		19,829
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						3,297	3,297
Southern California	FIRES				7		6	13
	ACRES				3		9,674	9,677
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				1		71	72
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		4	5
	ACRES				0		362	362
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		2	5
	ACRES		201		0		21	222
Southwest	FIRES				2		12	14
	ACRES				112		10,615	10,727
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5		1		1	7
	ACRES		201		0		1	202
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			1				1
Southern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,544	1,544
TOTAL	FIRES	0	13	16	19	1	41	90
	ACRES	0	2,937	16,258	1,150	3	25,585	45,933

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	33	69	891	9,442
Yukon Territory	0	0	55	15,027
Alberta	8	37	1,061	6,929
Northwest Territory	3	10,712	114	40,744
Saskatchewan	3	29,110	528	681,597
Manitoba	2	21	326	104,922
Ontario	1	1	155	383
Quebec	0	0	149	1,233
Newfoundland	1	0	87	2,236
New Brunswick	1	0	137	126
Nova Scotia	0	0	223	2,573
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	2	54	496
Total	54	39,951	3,780	865,708

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